

HOUSE BILL 1543

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By: **Delegate Serafini**

Rules suspended

Introduced and read first time: March 10, 2010

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Retirement and Health Benefits Reporting Transparency Act**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and
4 Pension System to prepare certain reports that include certain information
5 concerning the investments and funded status of the several systems of the
6 State Retirement and Pension System; requiring the Board of Trustees to
7 prepare certain reports that include certain information concerning the
8 actuarial liability associated with State retiree health benefits; requiring the
9 Board of Trustees to send certain reports in a certain manner to certain
10 individuals and media outlets; limiting the amount the Board of Trustees may
11 spend to prepare certain reports; and generally relating to the Board of Trustees
12 reporting information about the several systems of the State Retirement and
13 Pension System and the actuarial liability associated with State retiree health
14 benefits.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – State Personnel and Pensions

17 Section 21–125.2 and 34–102

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

23 **21–125.2.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A) BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010, EVERY 3 MONTHS THE BOARD OF**
2 **TRUSTEES SHALL PREPARE A REPORT THAT INCLUDES:**

3 **(1) THE TOTAL FUND BALANCE OF THE SEVERAL SYSTEMS;**

4 **(2) THE OVERALL INVESTMENT RETURN FOR THE SEVERAL**
5 **SYSTEMS FOR THE PAST 3 MONTHS, 6 MONTHS, AND 9 MONTHS, COMPARED TO**
6 **INDUSTRY-STANDARD BENCHMARKS;**

7 **(3) THE INVESTMENT RETURNS BY ASSET CLASS FOR THE**
8 **SEVERAL SYSTEMS FOR THE PAST 3 MONTHS, 6 MONTHS, AND 9 MONTHS,**
9 **COMPARED TO INDUSTRY-STANDARD BENCHMARKS FOR EACH ASSET CLASS;**

10 **(4) THE OVERALL 1-YEAR, 3-YEAR, 5-YEAR, AND 10-YEAR**
11 **ANNUALIZED INVESTMENT RETURN FOR THE SEVERAL SYSTEMS, COMPARED TO**
12 **INDUSTRY-STANDARD BENCHMARKS;**

13 **(5) THE 1-YEAR, 3-YEAR, 5-YEAR, AND 10-YEAR ANNUALIZED**
14 **INVESTMENT RETURN BY ASSET CLASS FOR THE SEVERAL SYSTEMS, COMPARED**
15 **TO INDUSTRY-STANDARD BENCHMARKS; AND**

16 **(6) THE MARKET VALUE OF THE ASSETS OF THE SEVERAL**
17 **SYSTEMS, COMPARED TO THE MARKET VALUE OF THE ASSETS OF THE SEVERAL**
18 **SYSTEMS REPORTED ON JUNE 30 OF THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.**

19 **(B) WITHIN 14 DAYS OF ANY REPORT PREPARED UNDER SUBSECTION**
20 **(A) OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL:**

21 **(1) SUBMIT THE REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE**
22 **STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL**
23 **ASSEMBLY; AND**

24 **(2) SEND THE REPORT BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION TO:**

25 **(I) THE GOVERNOR;**

26 **(II) MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND**

27 **(III) MAJOR MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE.**

28 **(C) THE TOTAL COST OF PREPARING AND TRANSMITTING ANY REPORT**
29 **UNDER THIS SECTION AND § 34-102 OF THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT EXCEED \$2,500**
30 **ANNUALLY.**

1 **34-102.**

2 **(A) BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010, EVERY 3 MONTHS THE BOARD OF**
3 **TRUSTEES SHALL PREPARE A REPORT THAT INCLUDES THE ACTUARIAL**
4 **LIABILITY ASSOCIATED WITH STATE RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS AS OF JUNE 30**
5 **OF THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.**

6 **(B) WITHIN 14 DAYS OF ANY REPORT PREPARED UNDER SUBSECTION**
7 **(A) OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL:**

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12 **(I) THE GOVERNOR;**

13 **(II) MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND**

14 **(III) MAJOR MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE.**

15 **(C) THE TOTAL COST OF PREPARING AND TRANSMITTING ANY REPORT**
16 **UNDER THIS SECTION AND § 21-125.2 OF THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT EXCEED**
17 **\$2,500 ANNUALLY.**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 July 1, 2010.